

Is The Bible Reliable?

exploreGod: The 7 Big Questions

Luke 1:1-4

THE EDUCATIONAL MYTH

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- ❷ The Bible constantly contradicts itself.
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The truth about the bible...

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